

**ESCANABA ELECTRICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN**  
**December 13, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Westerberg 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 410 Ludington Street.

Present: Chair Tony Westerberg, Vice Chair Larry Arkens, Members W. A. "Pete" Baker, Ronald Beauchamp, Ann Bissell, John Mellinger, and Sonja Skerbeck.

Absent: Pat Fulsher

Also Present: Interim Electric Superintendent Mike Furmanski, Escanaba's Generation Project Consultant Gil Cheves, Deputy City Clerk Joan Forsberg-Norden, Council Liaison Leo Evans, and members of the public.

Baker moved, Mellinger seconded to approve the minutes of October 25, 2006, as published.

**ADJUSTMENT TO AGENDA** - None

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Electric Report and Escanaba Energy Project Report**

Gil Cheves and James O'Toole met with the City's linemen about the system we have in place and in regard to the new plant. The linemen communicated some new ideas regarding it. Meetings with the linemen are planned for every Monday morning.

Further discussions were held regarding:

- Power issues with the Comprehensive Plan;
- Old poles needing replacement;
- Possible hiring of outside company to do the pole testing;
- Sargent & Lundy, LLC, are on board and have started their Phase I evaluation;
- Conference call scheduled with WPPI, Sargent & Lundy and City at Mr. Cheves's office. Committee members are welcome to attend;
- Coal storage issues, non-attainment area, environmental issues;
- Public information, media, mailers, publications, etc.;
- Coordination with Master Plan regarding: conservation policy, strategic plan needed for City, infrastructure, energy supply.
- Alternatives.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Joan Forsberg Norden, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tony Westerberg, Chair